GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PRODUCTION OF POLYMERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the demand, supply, consumption and production of polymers recorded in the country during the last three years and thereafter;

(b) whether the per capita consumption of polymers in India is one of the lowest in the world:

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to increase the production and per capita consumption of polymers; and

(d) the funds released for said sector during the said period?

Answer

THE HQN`BLE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STATE OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANPIQUE)

(a) Demand, Supply, Production and Consumption of Polymers are as follows; (In thousand tons)

Products	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
POLYMERS			
Demand	4592	5141	4852
Supply(domestic production+Imports)	4949	5192	5490
Production	4499	4776	4768
Consumption (domestic Production + Imports- Exports)	4106	4177	4795

Demand for petrochemicals has been derived from the petrochemicafs consumption in the various end use sectors of plastic processed articles. The demand for petrochemicals is arrived on the past consumption data with a projected growth rate.

(b)&(c) : Yes Sir. Per capita consumption in India is 4.5 kgs as against the world average of 25 kgs. Petrochemicals Sector is deregulated and delicensed. The role of the Government is as a facilitator. Government through appropriate policy environment is encouraging investment in petrochemical sector and promoting value addition in the downstream plastic processing and usage in thrust areas.

(d) Manufacturing of polymers is delicensed and deregulated industry.No fund has been released during the last three years.